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11. (SBU) On December 31, in a telephone conversation with Foreign Minsiter Kouchner, Ambassador Stapleton delivered reftel demarche. Without responding directly to the points, Kouchner indicated his overall agreement with them. The next day, January 1, Kouchner departed for a two day visit to Pakistan. (NOTE: In an op-ed in center-right daily Le Figaro on December 30, Kouchner called on Europeans to renew their commitment to supporting democracy in Pakistan and to fighting terrorism. END NOTE.) We also passed reftel points to Pakistan Desk Officer at MFA, and have been promised a report on Kouchner's visit after he returns.

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